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1. AUSTRALIA IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES UPDATING THE INTELLIGENCE PAPER ON CAMBODIA AND THAT SECTION ON CAMBODIA IN PROPOSED RETITLED SEAP 8-C "HANDBOOK ON MILITARY FORCES OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA", FOR BOTH OF WHICH AUSTRALIA HAS AUTHORSHIP RESPONSIBILITY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECGEN HAS PREPARED A DISCUSSION OUTLINE IN LIEU OF THE INTELLIGENCE PAPER ON CAMBODIA AND HAS ASKED THAT ALL DELEGATES TO IC/2 BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CAMBODIA FOLLOWING THIS OUTLINE.

2. OUTLINE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

CAMBODIA

A. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT

1. DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS LEADING TO COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER OF POLITICAL POWER.

2. GRUNK

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A. THE COMPOSITION OF GRUNK

- B. FACTIONALISM IN THE COMMUNIST CAMP (PRO-
AND ANTI-SIHANOUK, CONSERVATIVE AND RADICAL,
PRO-PEKING, PRO-HANOI AND PRO-MOSCOW)
 - C. LEADERSHIP (INCLUDING SIHANOUK'S POSITION)
 - D. STABILITY.
 - 3. INTERNAL POLICY INDICATORS
 - A. PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS
 - B. SOCIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL FACTORS
 - C. ECONOMIC FACTORS
 - PRESENT STATE OF ECONOMY
 - THE NEED FOR FOREIGN AID
 - D. MOVEMENT OF URBAN POPULATION TO RURAL AREAS
 - 4. FOREIGN RELATIONS INDICATORS
 - A. PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ON NON-ALIGNMENT
 - B. RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
 - C. ATTITUDE TO EXTERNAL AID
 - D. DRV/PRC AND USSR INFLUENCE
 - E. ATTITUDE TO HEGEMONY OF INDO-CHINA STATES
 - F. ATTITUDE TO ASEAN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
 - B. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS
 - 1. THE MILITARY TAKE-OVER
 - 2. CAPABILITY OF GRUNK FORCES
 - 3. CURRENT MILITARY ACTIVITIES (INCL. REFERENCE TO THE NVA PRESENCE)
 - 4. THE POSSIBILITY OF DISSIDENCE ARISING FROM POLITICAL FACTIONALISM
 - 5. ESTIMATE OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.
- UNQUOTE.

3. A COPY OF MEMBER NATIONS' DISCUSSION PAPER SHOULD BE
POUCHED TO CANBERRA AND PASSED TO AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN
OFFICE TO FACILITATE THEIR COMPILATION IN THE LIMITED TIME
PRIOR TO IC/2. EMBASSY BANGKOK WOULD LIKE A POUCHED COPY
OF USG'S PAPER ON CAMBODIA.

4. REF. (C) INDICATES THAT USG WILL NOT HAVE SEAP 7-D
UPDATE ON NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM PREPARED IN TIME FOR IC/2.
WE BELIEVE THAT SOME ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO ADDRESS THE
VIETNAMS IN SEAP 7-D, WHILE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH
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VIETNAM IS STILL OBSCURE, THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS
REACHED ITS CONCLUSION.
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